

FIRST EDITION

WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

The Government of Maryland.

The Washington Star of Saturday says: It was telegraphed from this city last night that the House Judiciary Committee have decided not to enter upon the investigation in reference to the political condition of Maryland until after the holidays, but Hon. Francis Thomas writes to the Baltimore Sun that he has requested certain members of the Committee, who propose to remain in Washington, as a favor to himself, to continue the investigation in his absence, and hopes to have the whole of the required testimony in the case closed, and a report made to the House early in January next.

How Sam Cary Desires to Meet His Election Expenses.

A special despatch to the Pittsburg Commercial, dated Washington, December 18, thus shows up Cary, the "Workington" champion of Cincinnati:--

The President sent the name of Megruce as Assessor of Cincinnati to the Senate today, but the name was not taken up, as colleagues were in progress. Yesterday, after Mr. Cary had managed to induce the President to hold the name back for two days in succession, Megruce went directly to Mr. Cary and asked why he was opposing him. Cary replied because Megruce had failed to support him during the late campaign. Megruce answered he had never promised to do anything of the kind. He then asked Cary directly what he would do to induce Megruce to withdraw his recommendation, and Cary replied that there was an unpaid bill due in Cincinnati for election expenses, which he thought Megruce should pay. Megruce repeated this proposition to his friend, the President, who said he would know him, insisted upon his arrest, and he was brought to the Hall, where Mayor Valentine, after a short time, discharged him.

The Last Cabinet Slate.

The New York Herald's special says:-- The following is the new Cabinet "slate," revised and corrected for the week ending at 11 P. M. on Saturday, the 19th instant:-- Secretary of the Interior--Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts. Secretary of the Treasury--Hon. Oliver P. Morton, of Indiana. Secretary of War--General John M. Schofield, of Illinois. Secretary of the Navy--General David D. Porter, of Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Interior--Hon. Benjamin F. Wade, of Ohio. Postmaster General--Hon. Horace Greeley, of New York. Attorney General--Hon. Quilen Sabe, of the South. The certainty of Admiral Porter, United States Navy, being Secretary of the Navy, and strong probability of General Schofield being Secretary of the Army, being Secretary of War, will account for the introduction of Senator Edmunds' bill in the Senate, which prevents the holding of two offices or the holding of civil office by any one in the military service.

How a Well-recommended Lady Died.

The Herald's special contains the following:-- As an illustration of the severe oracles through which the heads of departments and bureaus have to pass in complying with the economical edicts of Congress I may relate what transpired between General Spinner, United States District Attorney, and one of the fair victims of reduction of the force of employees. Among the ladies discharged from the Register's Bureau was one who had obtained her appointment on the recommendation of General Grant and Commodore Porter. When notified that she was one of the unfortunate, this lady did not accept her dismissal in a very amiable way. Instead of stating her necessities to the head of the bureau, she requested to be retained, she took it in high dudgeon, and informed that officer that she would deal with his superiors.

She then applied to General Spinner for a position in his bureau, and he told her he could do nothing for her. A short time afterwards she returned to Mr. Spinner with a letter from General Grant, written by direction of General Grant. This letter she presented to Spinner, who read it and replied:-- "But I have no vacancy, and cannot appoint you." Puffed again, she retreated in good order, and in day or two returned to the attack with renewed vigor, armed with another letter, when the following dialogue occurred between Mr. Spinner and the lady:-- "Now, Mr. Spinner, will you do me the favor to read this letter?" "There is no use; I can do nothing for you." "General Grant, this letter is from General Grant." "It matters not who the letter is from, you have my answer." "But what shall I say to General Grant?" "Tell him just what I have said--that there is no vacancy." "Well, Mr. Spinner, I wish you would read this letter, for I have just come from General Grant." "I have no place for you, madam, and couldn't give you one if you were an angel from God."

MORE LYNCHING.

At this blunt but decisive reply the lady was for some time speechless, though she still lingered, reluctant to give up the coveted prize. While she stood there who should step in but General Grant himself. He had scarcely entered the door when the lady flew to him and poured forth her raptures. "Can you find a situation for this lady, Mr. Spinner?" asked Grant. Spinner turned to the General and, Yankee like, answered his question by asking another. "General, if you can name to me a whole cart load of the very best recommendations and asked you to appoint him a captain in a regiment of infantry when was already supplied with full complement of officers, what would you say to him?" "I would tell him there was no vacancy, I think." "That is precisely the case, General, in this instance." "I see," said Grant; "it is impossible, and you are certainly right."

Reconstructed Georgia.

The official report from the officers of the Freedmen's Bureau of Georgia for the year ending on the first of this month shows that twenty-one colored citizens were murdered during that time by the whites, for which fifteen whites were arrested. Three were acquitted because the manner in which they were killed also shows that fifteen whites were murdered by negroes, for which fourteen arrests were made--seven have been punished, two acquitted, and the rest are on trial. A comparison between the manner in which white and black prisoners are treated in Georgia is suggested of

these statistics. The report adds that four blacks died of injuries inflicted by whites, three were permanently and seventy-four severely injured.

"Indemnity" Wanted.

The New York Tribune's special has the following:-- Messrs. A. A. Low & Brothers, William H. Bayard, Leonard W. Jerome, and other wealthy merchants of New York, who subscribed for building the steamer Meteor, during the late war, have petitioned Congress for redress from certain grievances which they say they suffered at the hands of the Government. The Meteor was completed just as the war closed, and of course she could be of no service to the Government. She was seized by the Government upon suspicion that she had been fitted out for an unlawful voyage. Litigation ensued, which lasted over three years, and at length the supreme Court decided in favor of the owners of the Meteor. The petitioners ask for indemnity for their losses, and for the passage of such laws by Congress as shall protect ship owners in the disposition of their property.

DELAWARE.

Senator Saulsbury on a Visit to his Colleagues.

The whipping-post is not the greatest scandal which afflicts the petty State of Delaware. With one-sixth of the population of Philadelphia, she has two United States Senators. One of these is Willard Saulsbury, the other James A. Bayard. The Wilmington Commercial of Saturday thus describes a visit by Saulsbury to the house of his colleague:--

Willard Saulsbury, member of the United States Senate from Delaware, was arrested and brought before the Court, at an early hour this morning, for drunken and disorderly conduct, at the residence of Hon. James A. Bayard. Officers Wingate and Baylis, who made the arrest, state that they were sent for by the family of Mr. Bayard, who were alarmed by the noise made by men at home, by the behavior of their visitor. He had forced his way into the room occupied by Mr. Thomas F. Bayard, when the officers arrived, and was lying on the floor, partly under the table. Mr. Bayard, who was not present, was informed of the matter, and he was brought to the Hall, where Mayor Valentine, after a short time, discharged him.

The Sussex County Murder.

The Wilmington Commercial gives the full particulars of the recent Sussex county murder, as follows:-- Charles Marsh, the victim, was a single man, living almost entirely alone, in Rehoboth Neck. A man by the name of Robert Goldborough had been in the habit of visiting him, and he was on Thursday morning of last week, Marsh, in company with a neighbor, John Hepburn, left his house to go out "progring" for fish, with a gig and grubbing hoe on his shoulder. When they had gone a short distance, they were overtaken by Robert Goldborough, whom they had left at home. Goldborough had a double-barreled gun.

THE PRESIDENCY.

The Popular Vote on November 3.

Table with 3 columns: State, Grant, Seymour, Applegate. Lists electoral college results for various states including Alabama, Arkansas, California, etc.

Three Men Fatally Injured by a Boiler Explosion.

The Pittsburg Commercial of Saturday says:-- "A serious boiler explosion, which may result fatally, occurred at the Superior Iron Works, owned by Messrs. Richey, Herron & Co., Wood's Run, last evening. It is reported that at 5 o'clock the mud-valve of one of the boilers blew out with a deafening report, which was followed by a terrific crash, a large wall, which separated the boilers from one of the apartments where a number of workmen were engaged, fell in. Several persons were severely scalded, among them two whose names are John Griffith and John Carothers. These men were injured by the falling bricks, and in addition to these were scalded by the steam which escaped. It was, it is feared, mortally injured. The cause of the explosion is not known."

EDUCATIONAL MOVEMENT.

The Wilmington Commercial of Saturday says: The City Council, at its meeting on Thursday evening, resolved to appropriate \$5000 for a school-house in this city for the accommodation of the colored schools. These schools are now under the care of the Delaware Educational Association, who occupy three buildings for their use in this city, some of which are very inadequate to the purpose. The association, therefore, offered to donate to the city a suitable lot on which to erect the school, and General Howard, on behalf of his department of the General Government, has proposed to add an amount of money towards the erection of the building equal to that which the city should appropriate, his share being by his section of Council fixed at \$5000. The title to the whole property will be taken entirely in the hands of the city, giving a value of probably \$12,000, in return for the \$5000 appropriated.

Hastings' Pleasantries.

The London correspondent of the Boston Advertiser says of the late Marquis of Hastings:-- After leaving Oxford University he hurried along the road to ruin with selfishness prominent in his views. His splendid country house was a scene of mad dissipation for weeks together. Wine ran like water, and a hundred devils were constantly perpetrated. A gentleman told me only yesterday that he once saw the Marquis open a knife which contained several extremely sharp blades, and put it in the coat pocket of one of his guests while dancing in a ball room. He then drew out a hand cut and cashed in a score of pence. This was a minor pleasantery of the wretched young nobleman. At other times he would take down a valuable family painting, and set it on a table, and then he would draw out a wavy seven thousand pounds, and the next he lost more than a hundred thousand. There is often to be seen in the Haymarket of a night a Captain Scott, who once won as much in a single night as he now wanders about with frequently not half a dollar in his pocket to buy him a dinner. Strange to say, even when he had the largest stake in the issue of a race, the Marquis rarely showed any interest in the running, but would lean or sit listlessly looking on, with a cigarette between his lips and nursing himself, as it were, against the welcome summer breeze, even then too nipping for his shattered frame."

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The "Bulls" at New York Central Stock--They Toss it from 135 to 150--Immense Excitement.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.--The question of the Speakership of the Forty-first Congress has been agitated, though very quietly, and the merits of the different candidates have been much canvassed. It is well settled that no candidate from the West will be urged, except, perhaps, as a compliment to some member whom his colleagues may delight to honor. The most prominent aspirants seem to be Messrs. Blaine, Dawes, and Banks; but some new man may carry off the honors before the election. The fact that Messrs. Dawes and Banks are both named splits up the Massachusetts delegation. General Banks' foreign policy, as developed in the Alaska debate, has made him unpopular with the members opposed to the acquisition of more territory, who are very respectable in point of numbers. So far Mr. Blaine seems to have the inside track, and he will probably secure the much-coveted prize.

Nothing to be Done during the Recess.

Contrary to general understanding which the long recess was agreed on, that the committees would take occasion to perfect their work for presentation. It is now believed that little, if any, committee work will be done during the recess, the members almost universally preferring to go home and enjoy themselves. The recess will probably be devoted to Cabinet-making by the Senators and members who remain in Washington. There will be more opportunity for this, it is thought, especially as General Grant will be here, and as the time approaches for his inauguration.

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